TRVE COPIES OF THE INSOLENT, CRVELL, BARBAROVS, and blaſphemous Letter lately written by the Great *Turke*, for denouncing of Warre againſt the King of POLAND:

AND

Of the Magnanimous, and moſt Chriſtian Anſwere made by the ſaid King thereunto.

With a ſhort Preface, declaring the vniuſt Cauſe on which this Turkiſh Tyrant, and faithleſſe enemy of Chriſtendome, now layeth hold to inuade it.

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THE PREFACE.

Bout the Yeere, 1608. *Ieremy*, Prince of Moldauia dying, left 3. Sonnes, *Conſtantine*, *Alexander*, and *Bougdan*, the eldeſt of which being but 8. yeeres old, the Gouernment, during his Minority, was by the deceaſed Father committed to his Vncle *Simeon*, who dying within three or foure yeeres after, *Conſtantine* the eldeſt ſonne, according to his right, and ſupported by the Councell of his mother, vndertooke the gouernment. At which time there liued at Conſtantinople, one *Tomſho* or *Stephen*, who falſly pretending to bee ſonne vnto *Aron*, who had been Prince of Moldauia before *Ieremy*, had by money and other ſiniſter practices, framed

to his ends, *Mehemet Bassha*, Lieutenant to the grand *Visier* (which is the higheſt Officer vnder the *Turk*) and by falſly ſuggeſting that *Conſtantine* refuſed to pay the yeerely tribute of forty thouſand Chequines to the great *Turke*, obtained from him an Army of 20000. men vnder the conduct of a Turkiſh Generall, to expell Prince *Conſtantine*, and eſtabliſh himſelfe in the gouernment. And notwithſtanding *Conſtantine* endeuored to giue all due ſatisfaction to this Turkiſh Generall, and made euident the fraud and falſhood of *Tomſho*, yet hee being alſo corrupted by *Tomſho's* bribes and great promiſes, would admit no reaſon. Whereupon Prince *Conſtantine* making head to defend himſelfe and Country, was in a Battaile ouercome, taken priſoner, and after, ſeeking to eſcape, drowned in the Riuer Nieſtre. *Tomſho*, after this victory, being thruſt into the Gouernment, & indeuoring to keepe by tyranny, what he had gotten by iniuſtice and vſurpation, the Nobility attempted by armes to free themſelues and their Country from his vnſpeakable cruelties, but with ſucceſſe vnworthy their ver-

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tue; for, by an ouerthrow, both his malice, and the Countries misery increased. In which disaster, the greatest part of them fly into *Poland*, the refuge of the vnfortunate Princesse with her remaining children, and the Tribunall from which their country was in iustice to expect a Gouernour: the *Polonians* hauing by ancient Articles, and capitulations betweene the *Turke* and them, to the end their Kingdome might not be preiudiced by that neighbour Prouince, which though Christian, was yet tributary to the *Turk*, reserued to themselues the right and interest to name a *Vaiuod*, or Prince ouer that Country. And to this purpose the King of *Poland* sent an Embassadour to Constantinople, whom the Great *Turke*, contrary, to the Law of Nations, Turkishly answered by detaining him prisoner, and euer since hath threatened that most Noble, and Christian Kingdome, with vtter subuersion, hauing (as it is probably conceiued) to that end drawne all his forces out of *Asia*, and made a greater leuy in *Europe*, then hath beene knowne in that Empire, consisting (by report)

port) of foure hundred thousand men; an Armie sufficient to satisfie the most couetous, or religious Christian Souldier with riches, or glory.

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THE GREAT TVRKES LETTER.

Sultan Achmat

MOST puiſsant, and higheſt Emperour of the Turkes, King aboue all Kings that dwell vpon the Earth, a King that dwelleth on the earthly Paradiſe, an anointed Prince, and Sonne of Mahomet, *Prior of the earthly Paradiſe, and keeper of the Graue of thy God, Lord of the Tree of Life, and of the Riuer* Flisky, *Conquerour of the* Macedonians, *the ſeede of Great* Alexander, *Prince of the Kingdomes of* Tartary, Meſopotamia, Media, *and of the Martiall* Georgians, Anatolia, Bythinia, Aſia, Armenia, Seruia, Thracia, Morea, Valachia, Moldauia, *and of all warlike* Hungary, *Soueraigne Lord and*

Commander of all Greece, Persia, *both the* Arabia's, *the most Noble Kingdome of* Ægypt, Tremisen, *and* African *Empire, of* Trabezond, *and the most glorious* Constantinople, *Lord of all the white and blacke Sea, and of the holy Cities* Mecha, *and* Medina, *shining with diuine glory, Commander of all things that are to bee commanded, and the strongest and mightiest Champion of the wide world, a warriour appointed by Heauen in the edge of the sword, a great persecuter of his enemies, and of all their euill vices, a most perfect Iewell of the blessed Tree, the chiefest keeper of the* Crucified God, *a Prince and Lord in whom the* Mahometans *trust, and a great persecuter of of all Christians; To* Sigismund *King of* Poland, *if thou doest desire Our welfare, and art Friend to vs and Our Officer Lieutenant Generall of all our forces which we will send, Our Greeting. But thou hast long since broken Our friendship, and yet art neither ready nor fit to wage Warre, or fight battell against vs. But thou hast some secret aduice and intelligence with other confederate petty Kings, and their Counsellors, to deliuer thee out of Our hands, and our Vicegerents power, wherein thou hast done vnaduisedly,*

aduiſedly, and indiſcreetly. If therfore thou thus perſeuere to oppoſe thy ſelfe againſt vs, then feare, for thy death, and the death of all thy people is determined. Wee tell thee, Wee will ouercome thee, from the riſing of the Sun, to the going downe thereof, and we will ſhew Our Maieſty in our own perſon and fight, vnto the vttermoſt parts of the earth; Our very thoughts ſhall be a terrour vnto thee, ſhewing that Wee will performe all that which Wee haue herein denounced. And Wee will make knowne vnto thee the powerfulneſſe of our Dominions. And thou, O King, which putteſt thy truſt in ſtrong Forts & Caſtles, ſhalt haue experience of Our reſiſtleſſe might. I will roote thee out altogether, and thou ſhalt behold this with thine owne eyes. Wherefore expect now no more friendſhip at my hands; put not thy hope in the ſtrength of thy walles, with thy owne forces and people. I will ruinate thee without any reſiſtance. I will deſtroy thy Cracouia, in ſigne of triumph, I will leaue there my bloudy ſword, that euery one ſhall take notice thereof, and my beliefe ſhall bee ſpread throughout all thy Dominions, and I will vtterly roote out the very remembrance of thy Crucified God. Let thy God bee angry, I

care not; He may then helpe thee. Thy anointed (the Prieſts) I will ſurely put to the plague; Wolues and wilde Beaſts ſhall ſucke the breſts of thy Women; thou ſhalt leaue and forſake thy Religion which thou now haſt; that which remaineth of all things, ſhall bee conſumed with fire. Herewith reſt thou ſatisfied; I doe not tell thee now what I will doe, or meane to doe with thee; vnderſtand if thou wilt, or canſt.

Giuen at Our moſt High Port
of *Conſtantinople* moſt
ſtrongly guarded, &c.

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THE KING OF POLAND HIS ANSVVERE.

SIGISMVND the third, by the grace of God King of *Poland*, Great Duke of *Lithuania*, *Rußia*, *Prußia*, *Maſouia*, *Samogitia*, *Liuonia*, *&c.* and Hereditarie King of the *Suecians*, *Gothes*, and *Vandales*, one of the moſt humble ſeruants of the True God, and of his Sonne IESVS CHRIST Crucified, to *Achmat* chiefe Prince of *Turkes*, & Infidels, ſoules health. *We* haue receiued thy Letter, full fraught with threats, and ſwolne with impieties againſt the Maieſtie of the moſt

High God, whereunto wee had not vouchſafed anſwere, but that wee were perſwaded, our ſilence would haue been a meanes of cauſing thee to flatter thy ſelfe ſo much the more, elſe had *Wee* neglected thee like an Arch-enemy of God, as thou art. *Wee* haue therefore thought fit in ſome ſort to regard the Saluation of thy ſoule, giuing thee to know, that thou art no other then a meere man, in thy perſon more weake then many of thy followers; which ſhould cauſe thee to remember, that if it had not pleaſed God to ingraue in the front of ſuch as rule, a kinde of awfull Maieſtie, whereby their ſubiects are kept in obedience; the good by reward, the euill and peruerſe by rigorous Lawes, and both the one and the other by Authoritie; it were impoſſible they ſhould continue eminent aboue others. Thou then, who in thy ſelfe art but as other men, muſt know, that there is a Supreme Power of more might then thine, which doth vphold thy eſtate, cauſing thee to bee reſpected by thy followers. This power proceeds from God

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moſt Good, moſt Iuſt, moſt Mighty, who preſerueth it ſo long as Princes humble themſelues before him; but if they ſuffer themſelues to bee tranſported with preſumption, and pride, he eaſily abateth, and corrects their fury. I will offer no other example to thy conſideration, then that of *Baiazet* the firſt, one of thy Predeceſſors, who thinking to ſcale Heauen with his Armie (which in the iudgement of Man was vnreſiſtable, but in Gods ſight moſt contemptible) liued to ſee himſelfe vanquiſhed, taken, and impriſoned, coopt vp in an iron cage, (wherein hee vvas in triumph drawne after the victorious Conquerour, ſeruing him for no better then a footſtoole) and hauing no other food, then ſuch as was caſt him (like a Dogge) from his Table.

Thinke then with thy ſelfe, that hee that vvas ſo great, ſo puiſſant, and ſo terrible, may haply by right of Succeſsion haue left vnto thee (as beeing deſcended from him) the like, or worſe fortune, if thou ſhalt dare to continue thy blaſphemies againſt GOD, and his Beloued Sonne *Ieſus Chriſt*

Christ Crucified. Thou doest mistake in thinking to lay an aspersion vpon vs, by reproaching vnto vs the Crosse. For *Wee* account it Our chiefest honour, and glory; by vertue vvhereof, as the Emperour *Constantine* quelled his enemies, Wee hope, and assure our selues to bee defended against thy Fury. Thy proud, and thundering words dismay vs not, our courage is more Masculine and generous, then so to bee out-braued. For know, that wee regard not thy threats, but vvith iust scorne tread vpon thy pride, and laugh at thy idle terrours, and in stead of thanking thee for aduertising vs before thy comming, We bid thee come when thou wilt, thou shalt bee receiued contrary to thy expectation. Wee haue steepe Mountaines, and impregnable Rockes that shall barre thee from entering into our Lands. Thou shalt finde our Cities, and Castles well furnished with Munition, our Canons mouthes breathing furious fires, our courages inuincible, our blades eager and sharpe, our bodies, as our mindes, prepared to sustaine the violence of

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all ſeaſons, our hearts promiſing nothing but victory. And to dazell thine eyes, the glorious Standard of the bleſſed *Croſſe* ſhall goe before vs; but aboue all, the *Crucified Son* of the moſt High God ſhal cauſe his Angels to conduct vs, and giue vs the victory; He it is ſhall bee our Leader, vnder whoſe protection wee will not feare to braue thee at thy Gates. Thy miſcreant troupes ſhall be troden vnder foote, and their bellies trampled on, and by a happy victory (if thou chance to eſcape our conquering Arme) thou ſhalt finde thy ſelfe purſued vnto the moſt ſecret Dens of thy abominable *Seralio*; thou ſhalt ſee thy *Moſques* laid leuell with the ground, thy *Muphty*, and other the execrable Prieſts of thy perfidious *Mahomet* made Gally-ſlaues; all thoſe traiterous run-a-gates whom thou doeſt harbor, ſhalt thou ſee put to exquiſite torments; of all which be moſt aſſured. And then ſhall bee ſet free all thoſe poore and miſerable Chriſtians, who now lie groning vnder the burthen of thy Tyrannous yoake, whoſe wofull cryes being mounted to Heauen, haue

iuſtly excited the vengeance of God vpon thee, who hath permitted thee to riſe to this height of pride, that thy ruine & deſtruction may bee the more exemplar vnto after-ages. To conclude, thou ſhalt ſee the ſeruice of *God* re-eſtabliſhed in *Greece* and *Aſia*, which thou doeſt now vniuſtly vſurpe. But if it happen thee to end thy miſerable life in Battell, (which we hope *God* will grant) be confident, that all the foreſaid vengeance ſhall enſue vpon thy death; And whiles thy wretched Soule lies broiling in the quenchleſſe flames of Hell, wee will lift vp our cheerefull voices, and, for the victory obtained ouer thee and thine, ſing praiſes vnto our *God*: to whom be all glory for euer.

Know then, O Infidell, that we feare thee not at all, and if thou beeſt not wilfully bent to runne headlong vnto thy owne deſtruction, be aduiſed; content, and containe thy ſelfe within thoſe bounds thou doeſt at this preſent vſurpe, and if thou haſt any beliefe at al that thy thrice reuerenced Prophet *Mahomet* could tell a truth, or foretell future euents, then call to minde, that of thoſe

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thouſand yeeres which hee preſcribed for the continuing of thy Sect, there remaine not aboue ſixe or ſeuen yeeres. This then is the time that the yet vnſheathed Sword of the Chriſtians affords for thy amendment, that thou mighteſt come to the knowledge of the alone True GOD, to worſhip him in his Sonne IESVS CHRIST, whereunto we once more exhort thee, omitting all other ſalutation, and commendation.

Giuen at our Caſtle of
Poſnwich, &c.

SIGISMVND.

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